

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
TYLER DIVISION**

AJALON BAKER, #02439637, §  
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Plaintiff, §  
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v. § Case No. 6:24-cv-238-JDK-KNM  
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MTC, et al., §  
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Defendants. §

**ORDER ADOPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Plaintiff Ajalon Baker, a prisoner of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice proceeding *pro se*, filed a pleading that has been construed to be a civil rights lawsuit pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 without paying the filing fee. The case was transferred to this Court for proper venue and referred to United States Magistrate Judge K. Nicole Mitchell for findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations for the disposition of the case.

On October 1, 2024, Judge Mitchell issued a Report recommending that Plaintiff's lawsuit be dismissed for failure to prosecute because Plaintiff had failed to comply with the Court's order to amend his complaint and satisfy the filing fee requirement for this case. Docket No. 8. A copy of this Report was mailed to Plaintiff, who did not file written objections.

This Court reviews the findings and conclusions of the Magistrate Judge *de novo* only if a party objects within fourteen days of the Report and Recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In conducting a *de novo* review, the Court examines the entire

record and makes an independent assessment under the law. *Douglass v. United Servs. Auto. Ass'n*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1430 (5th Cir. 1996) (en banc), *superseded on other grounds by statute*, 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) (extending the time to file objections from ten to fourteen days).

Here, Plaintiff did not object in the prescribed period. The Court therefore reviews the Magistrate Judge's findings for clear error or abuse of discretion and reviews her legal conclusions to determine whether they are contrary to law. *See United States v. Wilson*, 864 F.2d 1219, 1221 (5th Cir. 1989), *cert. denied*, 492 U.S. 918 (1989) (holding that, if no objections to a Magistrate Judge's Report are filed, the standard of review is "clearly erroneous, abuse of discretion and contrary to law.").

Having reviewed the Magistrate Judge's Report and the record in this case, the Court finds no clear error or abuse of discretion and no conclusions contrary to law. Accordingly, the Court hereby **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge (Docket No. 8) as the findings of this Court. It is therefore **ORDERED** that this case is **DISMISSED** without prejudice for failure to prosecute. All pending motions are **DENIED** as **MOOT**.

So **ORDERED** and **SIGNED** this **5th** day of **November, 2024**.



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JEREMY D. KERNODLE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE